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The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce,
Trade, and Consumer Protection
Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20215

Dear Congressman Rush:

The Cold Finished Steel Bar Institute (CFSBI) commends you for holding a hearing on H.R. 4692, the "Manufacturing Strategy Act of 2010" and requests that this letter be included in the official record of the hearing. Cold finished steel bar is incorporated into a wide range of consumer, industrial, aerospace, medical, and military products. The ultimate consumers of cold finished steel bars are small and medium-size independently owned precision machining companies across the country. The U.S. cold finished steel bar industry produces high-quality products on an efficient and cost-competitive basis, using highly-trained workers under environmentally sound conditions. The CFSBI is a trade association of these producers who account for over 85 percent of all U.S. cold finished steel bar production.

The CFSBI supports this legislation and included a strong statement of support for it in its 2010 White Paper, "Strong Medicine for Manufacturing." This paper recommended a number of actions the Congress and the Administration should take to support U.S. manufacturers. Our first recommendation on behalf of a stronger and more stable manufacturing sector in the United States was passage of H.R. 4692:

Pass the "Manufacturing Strategy Act." On February 25, 2010, Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) introduced a bill that directs the President, every four years, to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the nation's manufacturing sector and submit to Congress a National Manufacturing Strategy (Strategy). The bill requires the President, in developing each Strategy, to convene an inter-agency US government Manufacturing Strategy Task Force and a private-sector Manufacturing Strategy Board to make recommendations regarding specific issues to be incorporated into the Strategy, including short- and long-term goals for the manufacturing sector. This bill will not solve the problems facing US manufacturers, but it is an excellent first step. Congressman Lipinski recognizes that a sound manufacturing strategy cannot be developed agency-by-agency. A successful solution will require an integrated approach across multiple agencies in the US government, working in partnership with the private sector. The Administration is using a similar approach to address problems with health care, financial markets, and energy; manufacturing also deserves a comprehensive focus.

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The CFSBI and its member companies applaud Congressman Lipinski for authoring this important legislation. We hope that this hearing is the first step in successful consideration of H.R. 4692 in the House of Representatives and that the Senate will follow suit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Kenefick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

John W. Kenefick
Chairman
Cold Finished Steel Bar Institute

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